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**Art Unit: 3761**  
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/511,267; Filed: February 23, 2000  
For: **Cartridge for a Liquid**  
Inventors: **Eicher et al.**  
Our Ref: 0652.2020002/LEA/ALF

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3. Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115;
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
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Application Number.	09/511,267
Filing Date	February 23, 2000
First Named Inventor	Joachim EICHER
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1502	50	2052	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	65	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to Institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750.00
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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1105	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

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Total Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Indep. Claims 1	- 3** = 0	X	= 00.00
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1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	260	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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